1	2	3
26.	Uttar Pradesh	U.P. (E) & U.P. (W)
27.	West Bengal	West Bengal
28.	West Bengal	Kolkata District
29.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai District
30.	Delhi	–

Mission mode project under National Governance Plan

1855. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority of Kerala has represented during June 2007 for approval of the 20 mission mode project submitted by Kerala under the National Governance Plan;

(b) if so, whether the detailed project report submitted for capacity building and the project report for the mission mode had been approved by the competent authority;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. DIT (Department of Information Technology) has received seventeen (17) Mission Mode projects, out of these 11 pertain to State MMPs as approved under NeGP and 6 State specific MMPs have been submitted by the Kerala Government.

(b) to (d) The Capacity Building DPRs (Detailed Project Reports) have been received from various States/UTs including Kerala, and a comprehensive Capacity Building Scheme covering all States/UTs has been formulated for Human Resource and Training initiatives under NeGP. This scheme is currently being processed for approval of the Competent Authority. The proposal of State Government of Kerala cannot be considered at this stage since the Scheme has not been approved by the Competent Authority.

New telephone exchanges in NER

1856. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone exchanges set up in the North Eastern Region particularly in Sikkim during the last three years, district-wise/year-wise;

(b) the details of telephone exchanges to be installed in the region during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, district-wise; and

(c) if so, the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, number of new telephone exchanges set up by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in the North

Eastern Region particularly in Sikkim during the last three years, District-wise/year-wise is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) Details of telephone exchanges to be installed in the Region during first year of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-08) is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Action has been taken for procurement of equipment and preparation for necessary infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland. Material requirement in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura (North East-I Circle) is also being examined.

Statement-I

Name of exchanges set up in the North Eastern Region during the last three years

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of District	2004-05 Location	2005-06 Location	2006-07 Location
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Sikkim	East Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Sherathang
2	Assam	Bongaigaon		Dangtol	
		Goalpara		Goalpara	
		Nalbari		Gobradal	
		Dibrugarh	Tiloi		
			Anandapara		
		Tinsukia		Makum Road	
		Sibsagar		Tengapukhuri	
		Morigaon		Kijisatra	Burgaon
		Nagaon		Ambari	Naukhuti
				Singimari	
				Phuroniati	
				Gorajan	
		Cachar		Sibpur	
				Kaptanpur	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	East Kameng			Kimi
4	Manipur	Chandel	Chakpikarong		
		Sepapati	Saitu Gamphajol		
		Thoubal	Sugnu		
5	Nagaland	Zunheboto	Phugoboto		
		Kohima	Chakabama		
			Chunlika		
		Wokha		Bhandari	Chukitong
		Dimapur			Rangapahar
6	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Meghalaya	East Garo Hills	Kharkutta		
			Mendel		
		East Khasi Hills	Lawbah		Neighrihms
			Forest Colony		Police Bazar

1	2	3	4	5	6
		West Khasi Hills	Malankona		
		Ri Bhoi	Umden		
		Jaintia Hills		Laska	
8	Tripura	South Tripura	Salgarah		
		West Tripura	Golaghat		
			Khumwlong		
			Bodhjungnagar		

Statement-II

Name of exchange to be installed in the North Eastern Region during first year (2007-08) in the Eleventh Five Year Plan

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of District	Locations
1.	Sikkim		Nil
2.	Assam		Nil
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Anjaw	Hawi
		Passighat	Doloamukh
4.	Manipur	Imphal West	Mayang Imphal
		Imphal East	Porompat
5.	Nagaland		Nil
6.	Mizoram	Lunglei	Pukpui
		Aizawl	South Himen
			Chaltlang
7.	Meghalaya	Jaintia Hills	Nongtalang
8.	Tripura	West Tripura	Capital Complex

Expansion of NIC rural areas

1857. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Informatics Centres (NIC) functioning at present in the country; State-wise till date;

(b) whether Government have formulated any policy to expand it in rural areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the functions and role of NIC?